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SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD AND FILE GENERATING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING FILING

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Prior to the initial examination, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Fig. 2, consisting of Figs. 2A and 2B, is a schematic illustration of the JPEG 2000 (JP2) file format and the Motion-JPEG 2000 (MJ2) file format;